



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy, which affects more than 400 adults and children in North Dakota, is a group of hereditary, muscle-destroying disorders, that vary in inheritance pattern, age of onset, initial muscles attacked and rate of progression; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant commitment of time and financial resources is required each day to meet the challenges imposed by these chronic, progressive neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, a combination of comprehensive medical care and scientific research allows a growing number of North Dakotans with muscular dystrophy to be contributing members of our society and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens with muscular dystrophy are encouraged to continue the essential care they need to manage their neuromuscular disease. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the commitment of North Dakotans who have muscular dystrophy, their families, medical personnel and non-profit organizations who assist them in their ongoing efforts to manage the symptoms of the disease while striving and hoping for the eventual cure; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 1, 2003, **MUSCLAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State